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SUBJ: HIJACKED AIRLINER RETURNS TO ARGENTINA

REF: BA-4775; BA-4805

1. SUMMARY: HIJACKED AEROLINEAS ARGENTINA'S AIRLINER HAS RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES. PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) DENIES HAVING TAKEN ANY PART IN THE HIJACKING. END RUMMARY.

2. THE BOEING 737 WHICH WAS HIJACKED ON JULY 5 RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES JULY 8. THE CAPTAIN OF THE JET UPON RETURNING COMPLAINED TO THE PRESS ABOUT THE REFUSAL OF GOA TO ALLOW REFUELING OF AIRCRAFT--A SITUATION WHICH HE SAID ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF PASSENGERS.

3. ERP HAS DENIED HAVING ANY PART IN THE TAKE-OVER OF THE AIRCRAFT. IT ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE LONE AIR PIRATE, BASILIO JOSE MAZER, IS NOT AND NEVER HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF ERP. ON THE OTHER HAND ERP DID ISSUE A SEPARATE COMMUNIQUE CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KIDNAPPING OF THE FIRESTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR JOHN THOMPSON. THE RECORD RANSOM OF \$3 MILLION WAS APPARENTLY PAID.

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4. COMMENT. THE FACT ERP DISAVOWS ANY COMPLICITY IN THE ACTIONS
OF THE HIJACKER SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE CUBAN GOVERN-
MENT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION.
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